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### **STATE AGENCY FLOOD RESPONSE UPDATE**

**Baton Rouge, LA (March 13, 2012)** – Today, Governor Bobby Jindal declared a State of Emergency as a result of flooding in Acadia, Lafayette, St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is preparing to do preliminary damage assessments (PDA's) for those homes and businesses that received damage.

#### **STATE AGENCY FLOOD RESPONSE UPDATES:**

##### Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)

- DOTD utilized a total of 53 staff members, 30 trucks, 93 barricades, 61 high water advisory signs and closed and opened 15 roads to protect the traveling public. Within the past 24 hours, DOTD staff have dedicated over 300 man hours for the duration of the event to ensure the safety of communities.
- DOTD is currently monitoring the flood impacted areas to quickly remove debris from roadways and state right-of-ways to help communities get back on track.
- Due to present and imminent flooding in the Acadiana region caused by heavy rains, DOTD will continue to work with State Police to monitor state and federal routes in order to determine actions needed and detour routes.
- Open roads:
  - US 167 east of Ville Platte near LA 748
  - US 190 at La 104 in St. Landry Parish
  - LA 182 at Lafayette Parish Line
  - La 93 in St. Landry Parish
- Closed roads:
  - LA 95 in Southern Evangeline Parish from LA 29 to LA 758 due to high water
  - LA 761 and LA 343 in Southwestern St. Landry Parish
  - La.95, North of Church Point in Acadia Parish
- Bridge Closures:
  - The Estherwood Pontoon Bridge on La. 91, (1.4 miles north of U.S. 90) near the village of Estherwood in Acadia Parish is closed because of high water.
- Motorists can get the latest updates on real-time traffic and road conditions by using the 511 Traveler Information System simply by dialing 511 from their telephone and saying the route or region about which they are seeking information. Travelers can also access this information by visiting the 511 Traveler Information Website at [www.511la.org](http://www.511la.org).

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF)

- Rescued 80 citizens from flooded areas in Carencro.

Louisiana National Guard (LANG)

- Conducted 20 rescue missions and moved 31 people to a shelter Monday evening.
- Conducted two traffic control points in Lafayette Parish until 10:30 p.m. Monday.
- Eleven personnel and four high water vehicles remain on standby.

American Red Cross (ARC)

- Continue to assist at shelter in Carencro.
- Have clean-up kits available.

For more information on safety tips, go to [www.getagameplan.org](http://www.getagameplan.org).

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